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MONDAY, MARCH 25, 1907.

Our character is always in ourselves, but our reputation is in others.—Becher.

Gold Production and High Prices.

The following figures, lately sent out by the New York Metal Exchange, show that the price of metals, like that of other commodities, has greatly increased during the past five years:

Percentage of increase
 No. 2 Iron.....1901. 1906. in 5 yrs.
 Copper.....13. 24. 84 1/2 %
 Tin.....23 1/2. 66. 50 %
 Pig Lead.....24. 66. 50 %
 Zinc.....104. 243. 133 %
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These figures, and similar figures showing the phenomenal rise in prices, become more significant when it is remembered that the gold production rose from \$250,000,000 in 1900 to \$400,000,000 in 1906.

Dun's index number on January 1st of this year showed that commodity prices were 42 per cent. higher than ten years ago, and 48 per cent. higher than nine and a half years ago, referring to the low-water mark which, on Dun's tables, was reached in the summer after McKinley's inauguration, just as the upward movement was about to set in.

Mr. Ernest Howard, of the Springfield Republican, attributes the ascending scale which has since followed to the increased volume of gold, and also to the passage of the act of March, 1900, liberalizing the conditions of bank-note issue, under which national bank circulation has strikingly increased in volume.

Mr. Howard is of opinion that the proposal of the free coiners of silver in 1896 contemplated a smaller money inflation than these conditions have actually brought to pass. The free coinage of silver would have inflated the currency at once; the increased production of gold has inflated it by degrees; but, in his view, the net result is the same, not taking into account that with the free coinage of silver we should have had both gold inflation and silver inflation.

The production of gold has increased 54 per cent. since 1901, and as gold is not consumed like agricultural products, the world's supply of the yellow metal is immensely greater than it was a decade ago, and every year is a record-breaker in production. Yet, for all that, there is an increasing demand for the money metal, and whenever a shipment of gold arrives in any of the foreign markets there is a scramble for its possession, while each nation hoards its own supply like a miser.

The reason for this is not hard to find. With the cheapening of the dollar not only have prices increased, but inflation has given a wondrous impetus to trade and industry, with a corresponding demand for more capital.

When, where and how will it all end? We make no predictions; but the veriest tyro knows that there must be an end to the rise in prices and to the boom in trade which inflation has brought. If the people are conservative, the reaction may come so gradually as to do no great damage; if they are reckless, the change will come suddenly, with a crash. It is a time for caution and conservatism. The drastic reaction in the stock market gives warning.

A Kansas Hero.

A dispatch from Abilene, Kan., says that Senator Burton was welcomed home from a five months' confinement in the Ironton jail with an enthusiasm that exceeded any welcome he received in his home town while United States Senator from Kansas.

Several hundred townsmen, with a band, met Burton at the station. Many persons wore badges inscribed: "Welcome, Burton."

The former Senator rode from the station to his home in an open carriage, and his passing through the streets was in the nature of a triumphal procession. The sidewalks were lined with people, who lifted their hats as Burton passed. After an informal reception at his home, Mr. and Mrs. Burton were entertained at dinner by County Treasurer Schneider. Later they went to the theatre, where Burton delivered a speech.

The New York Times recalls that one of the "whiskey ring" convicts of Grant's administration had a newspaper in St. Louis, and, on his release

from durance, published in the same his ill opinion of the law. One of his esteemed contemporaries rejoined: "We will not argue with our neighbor. Much confinement in the common jail had made him mad."
 Burton's confinement seems to have made both himself and his neighbors mad. It was a sorry spectacle. This man betrayed his trust and sold his influence in the Senate for a price. He was convicted and sent to jail, where he belonged. But when he comes out he is received with open arms and lionized, as though he had been some great hero returning from victory.
 What incentive is there for the officeholders of Kansas to be faithful and honest?

An Artist's Views of Richmond.

A more or less well-known artist, Mr. Charles Henry White, recently paid a visit to our town, collected a few sketches which he has turned into pretty etchings, and has made the etchings the basis for a pleasant little article in the April Harper's Magazine. Mr. White seems rather to have liked us, in a good-naturedly patronizing sort of way, but finds that our clocks do not keep time—the antics of the Jefferson Hotel timepiece seem to be his main basis for this charge—and that our architecture is hit-and-miss and far too "improving."

Mr. White evidently left his compass in the hotel safe when he strolled out to look us over. He mentions the "tendency to make the East End of the city" the leading residence section, and the possibility of finding "fragments of old Richmond" in the "waka of this easterly progress." Richmond, in point of fact, resembles most other cities in that its progress is westerly, even the oldest inhabitants here being unaware of any marked residence tendency toward the East End. That, however, is a detail. Mr. White's own progress was easterly, it seems; he visited Washington's headquarters, which he liked artistically, but questioned from a historical point of view, and apparently glanced at Chimborazo Park. He associated himself with a colored gentleman, named, as every reader will guess in advance, George Washington Andrew Jackson, and together they roved about the James seeking views; or, having found them, Mr. White would set a sketching while Andrew baited his hook for catfish. In time, trouble came a-athwart Andrew's quiet career. He was suddenly and violently pulled, of a certain Sunday night, while attending a gathering of his kind near the head of Locust Alley. This leads naturally enough to the court-room of Justice Crutchfield, and a "local color" scene from the pen of the author.

Mr. White's etchings, which are nicely reproduced in tint, are disappointing in one way: most of them depict scenes which are not readily familiar. Even his "View of Main Street" is not easily identified.

Far the most serious charge which we have to bring against him, however, is ancient his assertion that the Richmond mint julep is a thing of the past. We will not say that this statement is wilfully, slanderously and maliciously false. We shall merely explain to Mr. White, kindly, but firmly, that he did not go to the right places. When he visits us again, he must take care to come under better auspices.

The Cockade City.

The Times-Dispatch rejoices in the prosperity of Petersburg, as exhibited in our Industrial Section yesterday. Petersburg's diversified manufacturing plants, with its jobbing industries, are doing an annual business of more than \$22,000,000.

The tonnage of the port of Petersburg is 200,000 tons per annum. Petersburg manufactures 8,000,000 of the total of 10,000,000 pounds of plug tobacco exported from the United States.

The annual output of Petersburg's peanut factories amounts to nearly 2,000,000 bushels, valued at more than \$2,500,000.

Petersburg has six trunk factories, one of which is the largest in the world.

Petersburg is very modest, too modest, we think, but she is one of the most substantial cities in the State, and she is doing well to let the outside world know what she is doing.

Apart from the question of business, Petersburg is noted for the refinement and culture of her people, and as a place of residence she has no superior.

Our Streets in 1907.

There was once a Scotch clergyman who, when visiting in Virginia, declined to eat butter on his baked potatoes. "But it is better that way," urged his hostess. "No, do not, no, do not," replied the canny Scot, "but I dinna think I'll tak' any. Oin it is sue goat I'll just be missing it when I gang home, for my wife'll never gie me butter for breakfast."

In a few weeks Richmond will receive visitors from all over the world, and the visitors will receive an indelible and unfortunate impression of Richmond's desirability as a place of residence if the streets are left in their present unkempt condition.

No matter whether it can be maintained for the future or not, the Council ought to make a special appropriation to keep our important thoroughfares clean for this summer at least. Like the Scotch visitor, we may miss the butter next year, but even if that longing has to go unsatisfied it will be worth while to know that Richmond was clean and attractive in 1907.

Many of the veterans of Lee's army are pleased to know that Sam Gregory, the famous banjoist, is still in the land of the living. Gregory used to make camp life very lively with his banjo, and after the war he strolled through Eastern Virginia and North Carolina, and set the natives wild with his "Good Old Rebel."

He was an artist, and knew how to

Borrowed Jingles.

When I have time, so many things I'll do
 To make life happier, and more gay
 For those whose lives are crowded now
 With care;
 I'll help to lift them from their low despair.
 When I have time.

When I have time, the friend I love as well
 Shall know no more the weary, toiling days;
 I'll lead her feet in pleasant paths away,
 And cheer her heart with words of sweetest praise.
 When I have time.

When I have time the friend who holds so dear
 The reach of all his soul's desire
 I'll never let that reach so kindly meant
 To fill her life with rest content,
 When I have time.

Now is the time. Ah, friend, no longer wait.
 To take your loving smiles and words, or cheer,
 To those around whose lives are now so drear.
 That may not meet you in the coming year.
 Now is the time.
 —Providence News-Democrat.

FORECAST FOR THE WEEK.

A special meeting of the New York Chamber of Commerce will be held in New York City on Tuesday and Wednesday, March 26 and 27.

Secretary Taft, who, with a party of Congressmen and engineers, sailed for the Panama Canal Zone Sunday aboard the dispatch boat Mayflower, is due to arrive at Colon March 30th. The trip will include visits to Havana and San Juan. Mr. Taft expects to return to Hampton Roads April 22d.

This week may see the appointment of a commission on the mental condition of Harry K. Thaw, and the consequent interruption for some time of his trial before a jury for the killing of Stanford White. Justice Fitzgerald now has the affidavits of both sides, and may be ready to announce his decision to-day as to the reference of the question of Thaw's sanity to a commission of experts. If, however, the trial will go on, as practically all the evidence has been given, a verdict should not be far off.

A murder trial presenting features of unusual interest is scheduled to begin at Carmel, N. Y., on Monday, when Jennie Burch, a fourteen-year-old girl, will be called on to answer the charge of poisoning Wilbur Whitsitt, a twenty-year-old child, whose nurse she was. The defense will be insanity.

A meeting of the Order of Railway Conductors and the Brotherhood of Railway Trainmen will be held at Buffalo, N. Y., Thursday to ratify an agreement of co-operation between the two organizations. The agreement co-operate will not affect the integrity of the orders.

The tournament of the National Bowling Association will be held at Atlantic City from March 25th to April 8th. The entire list shows the eleven teams, 250 two-men teams and 657 individuals will compete. Contests for the national gymnastic championship of the American Athletic Union will be held in New York next Saturday.

AMUSEMENTS.

Academy—Dark.
Bijou—"The Sign of the Cross."
Booth—"Wild Animal Show."
Idolwood—Skating Rink.

Notable Production.
 The audience at the Academy tomorrow and Wednesday will be carried back to old England, and kindly bag wigs and powdered hair, and courtly manners and lavish hospitality. The play will be Oliver Goldsmith's fine old classic, "The Stoops to Conquer," a classic that is as potent and entertaining to-day as it was when originally produced at Covent Garden Theatre, London, one hundred and thirty-three years ago. The revival was brought about by Charles Frohman and Liebler & Co., and is made unusually attractive through the combination of the actor William H. Crane and the English actress, Miss Ellis Jeffreys. Most of the details of the revival were arranged by Mr. George C. Tyler, of Liebler & Co., and he is authority for the statement that the company is the best all-around gathering of players that has ever appeared in the work, either in this country or in England. In the comedy Mr. Crane assumes the role of the philosophical and kindly old "Squire Hardcastle," who is played in the Robert and Crane revival nearly a century of a century ago. Miss Jeffreys is seen as the "Squire's" fun-loving daughter, Kate, a part in which she appeared with much distinction in the London revival made a few years ago. George Gliddens is the Tony Lumpkin, the student who has not been heard from for several years. Margaret Davis, for several years the leading woman at the Empire Theatre in New York; Fred Thorne, Herbert Sleath, Leslie Kenyon and Walter Hale, one of the most prominent leading men on the American stage, are also in the cast. The production is a most elaborate one in every way.

"The Illusion of Beatrice."
 Maude Fealy, the twenty-year-old actress, who was leading woman for the late Sir Henry Irving, has won her greatest triumph in the comedy, "The Illusion of Beatrice," which was written for her by Martha Morton, and in which she will be seen here at the Academy on Friday night. Of this performance, the Milwaukee, Wis., Sentinel recently said: "Maude Fealy is happily cast in the role of Beatrice, and does most effective work. The supporting company is excellent, the production is well staged, and the entire performance is thoroughly enjoyable. Maude Fealy, in 'The Illusion of Beatrice,' is one of the best attractions seen this season."

At the Bijou.
 In offering Wilson Barrett's powerful and impressive drama, "The Sign of the Cross," Mr. R. G. Craspin has preserved in every detail of performance and high scenic and costume production the high standard observed by Mr. William Craspin, the famous London manager, in his original production of this religious play. Mr. Craspin's English company, carrying "The Sign of the Cross," to success for many seasons in this country, a record which is maintained, will be fully maintained by the company appearing at the Bijou this week.

Nine to Account For.
 Thomas Catwren—"I love you better than my life, my pet!" Kitty Mouser (cautiously)—"Which one, Tommy, dear?"

SOCIAL and PERSONAL.

TO-DAY.
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 Special arrangements have been made for the visitors to go over Bruton Church, and to attend a service there. Other places of historical interest will also be open to the party, and every arrangement possible will be made for their pleasure and comfort.
 Tickets are on sale at the Jefferson Hotel. The train will leave the Chesapeake and Ohio Station at 9 A. M., and returning will reach Richmond at 8 P. M.
 Members of the chapter are: Mrs. E. Strudwick, Mrs. Adolphus Johnson, Mrs. Gravatt, Mrs. Robert Chamberlayne, Mrs. Thomas Christian, Mrs. C. E. Bolling, Mrs. A. D. Landerkin, Mrs. Henry Froehling, Mrs. Pleasant, Mrs. John M. Glenn and Mrs. Tower. Other places of interest will go as chaperones and will have active charge of the affair.

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